



## 2008 FILING SCHEDULE For Privately Financed Legislative Candidates

PRIMARY ELECTION: JUNE 10, 2008		GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 4, 2008
TYPE OF REPORT	FILING DEADLINE (BY 11:59 P.M.)	REPORT PERIOD
January Semiannual*	January 15, 2008	Beginning of campaign – December 31, 2007
11-Day Pre-Primary	May 30, 2008	Beginning of campaign – May 27, 2008 for candidates who <u>did not file a semiannual report</u> January 1, 2008 – May 27, 2008 for candidates who <u>filed a semiannual report</u>
42-Day Post-Primary	July 22, 2008	May 28, 2008 – July 15, 2008
42-Day Pre-General	September 23, 2008	July 16, 2008 – September 16, 2008
11-Day Pre-General	October 24, 2008	September 17, 2008 – October 21, 2008
42-Day Post-General	December 16, 2008	October 22, 2008 – December 9, 2008

\*Any candidate collecting or spending more than \$500 in 2007 must file a campaign finance report on January 15, 2008 showing all contributions and expenditures (including obligations) through December 31, 2007.

### 24-HOUR REPORTS

24-HOUR REPORT PERIOD (13 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION)	WHAT TO REPORT	
	CONTRIBUTIONS	EXPENDITURES
<b>Primary</b>		
May 28 – June 9, 2008	Any single contribution of \$1,000 or more.	<b>If you <u>have not</u> filed a Trigger Report</b> (see back page), any single expenditure of \$1,000 or more.
<b>General</b>		
October 22 – November 3, 2008	These can only be made by the candidate, the candidate's spouse or domestic partner.	<b>If you <u>have</u> filed a Trigger Report</b> (see back page), any single expenditure of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$500 or more for House candidates or</li> <li>\$750 or more for Senate candidates.</li> </ul>

The report must be filed **within 24 hours** of receiving the contribution or making the expenditure or obligation, including Saturdays or Sundays. Orders placed with or obligations made to vendors for goods/services are considered expenditures at the time the order is placed or the obligations are made.

## ACCELERATED REPORTS

### FOR PRIVATELY FINANCED LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES WITH A MAINE CLEAN ELECTION ACT OPPONENT

#### TRIGGER REPORT

Legislative candidates must file this report if they:

- are not participating in the Maine Clean Election Act (MCEA);
- have a MCEA opponent in an election; and
- receive, spend, or obligate more than the amount of the MCEA opponent's initial distribution.

The report must be filed **within 48 hours** of the candidate's contributions or expenditures reaching the initial MCEA distribution amount. The report must state the candidate's total receipts, total expenditures, and obligations, to date.

INITIAL MCEA DISTRIBUTION AMOUNTS FOR 2008			
PRIMARY		GENERAL	
House	<b>\$1,504</b>	House	<b>\$4,144</b>
Senate	<b>\$7,746</b>	Senate	<b>\$19,078</b>

Once you file the Trigger Report, you have to file accelerated reports, but only the reports with deadlines that occur **after you filed your Trigger Report**.

ACCELERATED REPORT SCHEDULE (ONLY CANDIDATES WHO HAVE FILED A TRIGGER REPORT)			
REPORT		FILING DEADLINE (BY 5:00 P.M.)	REPORTING PERIOD FROM THE START OF YOUR CAMPAIGN TO:
PRIMARY	42-Day Pre-Primary	April 29, 2008	April 27, 2008
	18-Day Pre-Primary	May 23, 2008	May 21, 2008
	6-Day Pre-Primary	June 4, 2008	June 2, 2008
			FROM JUNE 11, 2008 TO
GENERAL	42-Day Pre-General	September 23, 2008	September 21, 2008
	18-Day Pre-General	October 17, 2008	October 15, 2008
	6-Day Pre-General	October 29, 2008	October 27, 2008

#### FILING PROCEDURES

*Electronically Filed Campaign Finance Reports.* Candidates who receive or expect to receive at least \$1,500 for their campaigns must file reports electronically on the Commission's website. Candidates or treasurers must enter the required information and click "File Report" **by 11:59 p.m. on the filing deadline for regular campaign finance reports and by 5:00 p.m. on the filing deadline for accelerated reports**. Candidates who lack access to the technology or the technological ability to file reports on the internet may request a waiver by April 15, 2008. The Commission will grant all reasonable requests.

*Filing Campaign Finance Reports on Paper.* For candidates who are not required to file electronically, each **original** campaign finance report signed by the candidate and treasurer must be properly filed with the Commission by the filing deadline, except in two circumstances. A properly signed report may be faxed to the Commission office by 11:59 p.m. on the deadline, provided that the Commission receives the original report within five calendar days. A report mailed to the Commission by certified or registered mail and postmarked **at least 2 days before the filing deadline will not be considered late**, even if it is received after the deadline.

Commission staff will be available until 5:00 p.m. on filing deadlines to offer assistance to candidates and campaign staff.